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Whitehall, November 15.

BY Letters from Gibraltar of the 24th of October, O. S. we have received an Account, that the Marquess de Lede, who commands in chief the King of Spain's Forces appointed for the Expedition against Barbary, arrived at the Camp near St. Rocque on the 7th; and the same Day wrote the following Letter to Major Elrington, then Commander of the Garrison of Gibraltar.

St. Rocque, October 18, 1720. *N. S.*

SIR,

'AS the Troops which arrived Yesterday at the Algueziras, with the Gallies of the 'King my Master, and those which are to 'come thither with his Ships, as also those 'which are expected by Land, might possibly 'give you some Umbrage, I have the Honour, 'Sir, to write to you, to assure you, that all 'these Motions ought to give you no manner 'of Uneasiness, because those Troops are not 'designed for any Undertaking that is contra'ry to the Quadruple Alliance. This, Sir, I 'can assure you of, since it is I who have the 'Honour to command them. I take with 'Pleasure this Occasion to offer you my Ser'vices here, and have the Honour to be,

SIR,

Your most Humble, and

most Obedient Servant,

The Marquess de Lede.

To Major Elrington.

Gibraltar, Oct 24, *O. S.* The Marquess de Lede having drawn together a considerable Body of Spanish Forces, on the North Side of the Bay of Gibraltar, and having ordered thither three Men of War, six Gallies, and a great many Sateas, Tartans, and such like Vessels for transporting them, sent off those Transports to Ceuta with a good Number of those Troops as fast as they could be imbarked, without Convoy; and on the Return of the Vessels, dispatched them with more. He has also sent over a great Number of Masons and other Artificers, great Quantities of Mortar for Masons Work, Stores for Magazines of all Sorts, and several large Ships laden with Water. The said Marquess having received Yesterday Part of the Troops that were embarked at Cadiz, went himself on board this Day for Ceuta.

Lisbon, Nov. 11, *N. S.* On the 30th of last Month, the Fleet from the Rio de Janeiro, consisting of 11 Merchant Ships, convoyed by two Men of War, entred this River: Their Cargo is computed to be worth above 800000 Pounds Sterling. On the 4th Instant came in here the Mercury Pacquet-Boat in 14 Days from Falmouth, having on board the Earl of Portmore. The same Day his Lordship made a Visit to the Secretary of State; and having desired Leave to wait on the King and Queen, their Majesties were pleased to give him an Audience on the 5th. On the 7th in the Evening his Lordship went on board the Loo Man of War, in order to proceed to his Government of Gibraltar, and put to Sea on the 8th. Captain Stewart passed by this Port a Fortnight ago, and it is reckoned is before this time arrived at Gibraltar.

Custom-House, London, Nov. 12, 1720.

The Commissioners of His Majesty's Customs having received from the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, two Letters (one of them subscribed C. N. B.) proposing to discover Frauds committed by the Officers of the Customs, in being privy to the Running Brandy and holding Correspondence with Smugglers, and of some undue Practises committed by some of the Clerks, relating to such Frauds; The said Commissioners do hereby give Notice, That if the Person who wrote the said Letters will attend them, and make a full Discovery of the said Frauds, he shall have all fitting Encouragement.

This is to give Notice to all Masters and Commanders of Ships and Vessels, passing by Dover Harbour, that on the 10th of October 1720, there will be erected on the South Pier Head of the said Harbour, a Lanthorn Light by Night, and a Flag hoisted by Day, so soon as there shall be ten Foot Water on the Flood between the Pier Heads, and to continue until the Water is decreased on the Ebb to ten Foot, and then the said Light will be put out, or the said Flag struck, and this will be done the Year round; the said Harbour being now very commodious for the Reception of trading Ships and Vessels there being 13 Foot Water on Neap Tides, and upwards of 18 Foot on common Spring Tides.

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